

WAGAIT SHIRE COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES – Amended 2/10/2012

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

18th September 2012

Present: Trish McIntyre (President), Peter Clee, Shenagh Gamble, Lisa-Marie Stones, Lil Prouse, Ian Crawshaw, Geoff Handicott (CEO)

1. MEETING OPENED 7.05pm, by President McIntyre

1.1 APOLOGIES – Matt Prouse

Resolution No. 2012/59
That the apology of Cr Prouse be accepted.
Moved: Cr Ian Crawshaw
Seconded: Cr Shenagh Gamble
Vote: AIF

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS - NIL

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution No. 2012/60
That the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 28 August 2012 be confirmed.
Moved: Cr Lisa-Marie Stones
Seconded: Cr Lil Prouse
Vote: AIF

3.1 Matters Arising from the Minutes:

3.11 Naming of Sports Grounds

CEO reported that only one person had commented on the proposal, and that the feedback was positive. Peter has received feedback on both sides.

Resolution No. 2012/61
Council resolved that WSC request the sportsground be named **CLOPPENBURG PARK**.
Moved: Cr Peter Clee
Seconded: Cr Ian Crawshaw
Vote: AIF

A letter of thanks is to be written to Lorraine. Request to be submitted to Lands Ministry.

3.12 Fire Brigade Vehicle Shelter

CEO has sited an area next to the Workshop area. He has also sourced shed prices and is awaiting quotes. Geoff pointed out that roadway access and the strength of the concrete base will have to be considered when designing and costing this project. Ray has been busy with fires, and Geoff is trying to organise a time to meet with him for more formal discussions. The Rural Fire Brigade will probably follow up further funding opportunities. - To be held over until next meeting.

3.13 Use of Community Centre for Church Services

CEO informed Council regarding legal obligations regarding Insurance etc. He will have further conversation with Ray Hughes.

3.14 Budget 2012-13 – To be held over to October Meeting

3.15 Purchase of new mower

Have contacted Local Buyer but haven't had a chance to go through their response yet. There seems to be a lot of paperwork required in order to register with them, and would be more beneficial if we were making a lot of big purchases.

4. INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Refer to Attached List (Inward Correspondence August 2012)

5. OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE

Refer to Attached List (Outwards Correspondence August 2012.)

More detailed information on inwards and outwards correspondence will be provided at the Council meeting.

Resolution No. 2012/62

That the Correspondence for the Month of August 2012 be confirmed.

Moved: Cr Shenagh Gamble

Seconded: Cr Ian Crawshaw

Vote: AIF

6. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT (Incorporating Work Supervisors Report) – Circulated prior to meeting

HR – All staff are currently undergoing performance reviews. Sasha will be attending a MYOB course, over three afternoons in Darwin, in the next few weeks.

Pressure washing of the Boat ramp has been completed, as per the contract.

The Works truck has had the clutch master cylinder replaced.

Graffiti in Community – I was alerted to the fact that someone had purchased a texta pen at the store, and proceeded to apply graffiti throughout the estate, including the Sports Ground. I requested the Police attend, and they removed the culprit, advising me that we couldn't lay charges as he was known Australia-wide for his mental imbalance.

Campers at Jetty – Following complaints from a resident, I investigated, and spoke to a number of campers at the Jetty. These campers informed me that the Police said they were ok to stay there. I was also contacted by the Department, asking me what Council was prepared to do about the Campers, as they had also received a complaint from the resident. I explained that this area did not fall in our jurisdiction, and we had no responsibility for policing this area. Wagait Shire Council is contracted to mow the grass, clear the rubbish bins and wash the jetty. It is now up to the Department to decide how Campers are handled in the future.

Cyclone Shelters Workshop – Will be conducted in Darwin on Friday 21st September. I will be attending and will report back to Council at the meeting.

OH&S Update Session – I attended a 2-hour presentation on changes to the OH&S Legislation, and how these changes impact on the work environment. This Seminar was free of charge.

Rates – For the month of August, Council received \$61,932 in rates payments.

Audit – The Auditor has been engaged, but as yet has been unable to confirm a date with us.

Valuation of Council Assets – As per Item 8.4 of the March 2012 Minutes (Resolution 2012/20) I have sought a quote from Maloney's Valuation (who do most of the NT Shires) to carry out a valuation of Council's assets. – refer Agenda item 8.6 – to be discussed.

I received notification from the Works Department, that several heavy (11 Ton) Defence vehicles had done a u-turn near the end of Charles Point Rd, last Friday (7th September). This u-turn involved these vehicles driving across the bicycle path. I went down to investigate the situation and damage to the bicycle path. Tyre scuffing to the surface of the track concerned me as this track was not built to withstand the weight of these vehicles. My concern was that although the damage at present is only slight, the coming wet season could have a detrimental effect, causing the pathway to fail in this vicinity. The convoy of vehicles was located in the Mandorah Hotel premises. I spoke to Corporal McLachlan, who was in charge of the 'Driver Training', exercise. He did not appear to appreciate the seriousness of my concerns. When I asked him to make an official 'log' of the issue, he said that he didn't feel any damage had been done. I will pursue this to make sure the incident has been logged, in the event of subsequent wet season deterioration of the track.

Resolution No. 2012/63

That the Officers' reports be received and accepted.

Moved: Cr Lil Prouse

Seconded: Cr Ian Crawshaw

Vote: AIF

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS
7.1 Financial Reports

**No August Report available at this time.
Last Month's Report (July 2012) re-tabled for acceptance by Council**

Resolution No 2012/64
That the Financial Reports up to end of July 2012 be accepted.
Moved: Cr Trish McIntyre
Seconded: Cr Lisa-Marie Stone
Vote: AIF

Resolution No 2012/65
Peter Clee proposed the following motion:
Financial Reports for August 2012 contain missing, incomplete and incorrect information.
Council accepts the CEO's explanation that whilst the accounting system transition has been ongoing for over 12 months it is still incomplete and that action is being taken to resolve the issues.
Council instructs the CEO to take all appropriate measures to expedite and to finalise the financial reports for the FYE 30 June 2012 and to prepare detailed and accurate financial reports for August 2012. Such reports to be made available to council as soon as possible.
Council is unable to accept incomplete and inaccurate reports as tabled and defers acceptance and approval of the August 2012 financial reports.
Moved: Peter Clee
Seconded: Shenagh Gamble
Vote: All in Favour

8. AGENDA ITEMS

8.1 Winner of Rates Rebate - Cr Trish McIntyre drew the Winning ticket of the Rates Rebate Competition. The Winner was RJ & RR Abala, who will receive a refund of the rates paid on their Erikson Crescent property.

8.2 Shire Plan – to be held over until the budget is adopted.

8.3 Memorial Garden Update – Architects have looked at the site, but are awaiting a budget for the project.

8.4 TOPROC Update – Geoff & Trish will attend the TOPROC meeting at 10am this coming Thursday, at Darwin City Council. Peter will also be attending.

8.5 Withdrawal of LGANT Nomination – Peter advised that he is withdrawing his nomination for President of LGANT, but will still be standing for the other positions.

8.6 Valuation Quote – Valuation needs to be done on Council's Assets for Insurance reasons, and also to identify business strengths etc. Geoff will meet with representatives of Maloney's when they are next in Darwin. Peter also suggested the CEO contact Fred Moroney for another quote.

9. LATE ITEMS and GENERAL BUSINESS.

Nil

10 IN-CAMERA ITEMS

Discussion regarding current staffing issues

11. MEETING CLOSE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

President McIntyre closed the meeting at 9.05pm .

The next monthly Council Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 16 October 2012 at 7.00pm.

PRESIDENT: _____

DATE: _____

CEO: _____

DATE: _____